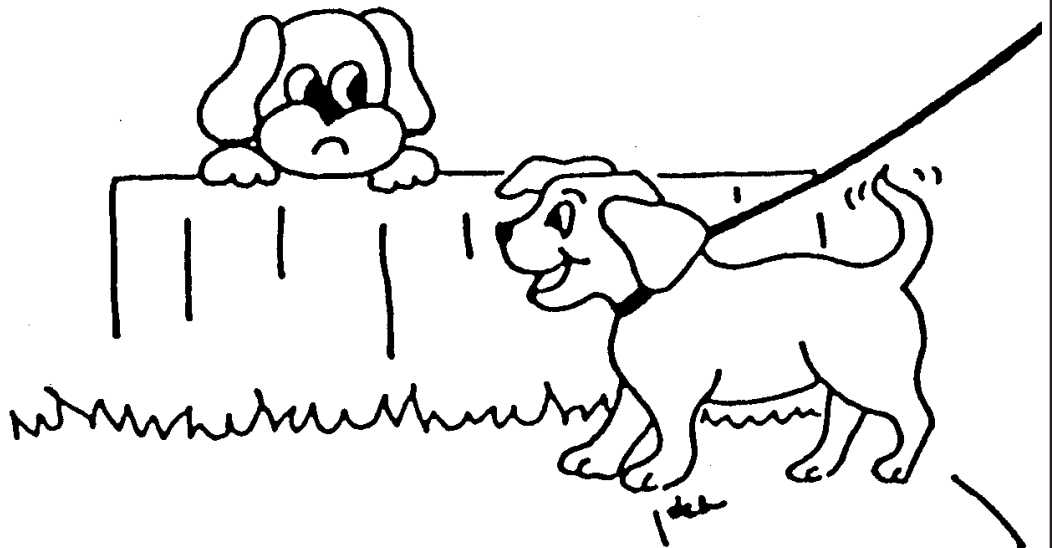


Have You Walked Your Dog Today?

Is your fenced yard a haven for your dog or a prison? Every dog should have a fenced yard as a safe and handy place to play, relax in, and to defend. Fenced yards relieve owners of the necessity of walking their pet three or four times a day. Unfortunately, a lot of dog owners sentence their pets to "life" inside the chain links. They never take the dog for a walk and deprive themselves of many of the pleasures of pet ownership. Every dog deserves one walk a day (or at least one a week) and every owner will benefit from providing it. Here's why:

1. ☐ Time together, especially active time together, provides an opportunity for dog and ☐
☐ owner to interact and establish mutual communication and a strong bond of affection. ☐
☐ Dogs on a walk also get to socialize with other dogs. This is especially beneficial for ☐
☐ puppies, who learn the rules of canine social interaction from meeting older dogs.
2. ☐ Most dogs won't run around a fenced yard enough to get the exercise they need. Your ☐
☐ dog may run up and down the fence line barking at a passing stranger two or three ☐
☐ times a day, but unless your yard is the size of a football field, that is not much exercise. ☐
☐ If you and your dog walk a mile or more a day, you will both benefit by building strength ☐
☐ and endurance, burning off calories, breathing fresh air, and discovering what is new in ☐
☐ the neighborhood.
3. ☐ Yard bound dogs get bored. Walk past a fenced yard and watch the resident dog race ☐
☐ along the fence line, press its face through the links, bark, pant, whimper, and practically ☐
☐ turn somersaults to get your attention. Imagine being able to see a park, alley, or vacant ☐
☐ lot from your yard, but never getting the chance to explore it. No wonder dogs get ☐
☐ frustrated. They deserve some variety in their lives, which regular walks can provide.



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